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Applicant: KATSUNORI KANEKO et al.

Appl. No.: 09/188,190

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For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

DRAFT REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action mail August 6, 2001.

FAX RECEIVED**AMENDMENT**

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An exhaust gas purifying apparatus of an internal combination engine, comprising:

exhaust gas purifying means, provided in an exhaust passage of the internal combustion engine, for absorbing NO_x in exhaust gas when an air-fuel ratio of the exhaust gas is lean, and means for releasing or reducing the absorbed NO_x when an oxygen concentration of the exhaust gas is reduced;